

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1651

INFO: RUEHC/AMCONSUL MONTREAL PRIORITY 0088

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OTRA, AF

SUBJ: SMITHSONIAN NOMAD FILM PROJECT

REF: KABUL 1358

DEPARTMENT PASS E.R. SORENSON, DIRECTOR NAT. ANTHOLOGICAL FILM  
CENTER, SMITHSONIAN

MONTREAL FOR BPAO PASS ASEN BALIKCI DEPARTMENT OF  
ANTHROPOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF MONTREAL FROM PAO VERNER

1. MFA CALLED IN AFAMEC DIRECTOR TO INFORM HIM SITUATION IN  
S.E. AFGHANISTAN NOT FAVORABLE YOUR PROJECT AT THIS TIME. THEY  
CLAIM NORMAL NOMAD LIFE SEVERELY DISRUPTED. HENCE THEY SUGGEST  
YOU POSTPONE VISIT.

2. GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN WISHES MAKE CLEAR THIS NOT  
BE CONSTRUED AS GOVERNMENT NOT APPROVING PROJECT. GOA STANDS  
ON ITS APPROVAL YOUR PROJECT, BUT TIMING NOT RIGHT DUE "POL-  
ITICAL SITUATION." MFA COULD NOT ESTIMATE WHEN TIMING WOULD BE  
"RIGHT".

3. MFA SUGGESTED THAT IF FILMING IMPERATIVE THIS YEAR, GOA WOULD  
CONSIDER OTHER REGION OF AFGHANISTAN, E.G. BAGHLAN.

4. ADVISE THIS CHANNEL IF CHANGE OF AREAS POSSIBLE FOR  
BALIKCI. IF NOT AND SINCE PREPARATIONS FOR THIS SMITHSONIAN  
PROJECT HAVE BEEN EXTENSIVE, WE PREPARED RAISE WITH GOA.  
FOR THIS NEED SUMMARY OF PROJECT, INFO RE PREPARATIONS  
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ALREADY IN TRAIN, OFFICIALS IN GOA WITH WHOM YOU HAVE

WORKED ON PROJECT, ARGUEMENTS FOR FILMING NOMADS SELECTED  
AND NO OTHER, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER AMMUNITION BALIKCI THINKS  
MIGHT BE USEFUL IN TRYING TO GET PROJECT BACK ON TRACK.

5. ADVISE SOONEST.  
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